MINUTES

OF THE

Oxford Baptist Association,

—OF—

MISSISSIPPI.

A. D., 1893.

OFFICERS.

H. W. ROCKETT, MODERATOR, ... Harrison, Miss.
D. C. PERKINS, CLERK, ... Batesville, Miss.
E. G. LEIGH, TREASURER, ... Batesville, Miss.

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Time and Place of Next Session.

Thursday before the Second Sunday in September, A. D., 1894,
At Clear Creek Church, Lafayett county, Miss.

J. C. POWELL, PRINTER, MERIDIAN, MISS.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

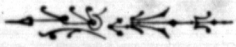
OXFORD ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST,

At Courtland, Panola County, Miss.,

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
Sept. 7, 8 and 9, A. D., 1893.



OFFICERS.

REV. H. W. ROCKETT, MODERATOR.
D. C. PERKINS, CLERK.
E. G. LEIGH, TREASURER.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Miscellaneous.
3. Receive Reports of Messengers.
4. Miscellaneous.
5. Appoint a Finance Committee.
6. Miscellaneous.
7. Receive Reports of Standing Committees.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Receive Treasurer's Report.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Receive Report of Finance Committee.
12. Miscellaneous.
13. Appoint Standing Committees.
14. Appoint place for next meeting.
15. Appoint Brother to Preach Introductory Sermon.
16. Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions.
17. Call, Correct Roll and Read Minutes.
18. Adjourn.

APPENDIX A.

PROGRAMME OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1893-94.

OCTOBER, 1893.

PLACE—BIG SPRINGS.—FRIDAY.

10:30 Devotional Service.
11:30 Introductory Sermon: "Missions"—W. I. Hargis.
Church Government—B. F. Whitten, J. D. Woodruff.
Worldliness in the Church, Its Cause and Cure—
R. L. Tomlinson, G. A. Darden.

SATURDAY.

How to Enlist Our People in the Study of the Bible—
G. W. Gardner, J. L. Sisk.

PREACHING.

Is it the Duty of all Male Members to Pray in Public?—
H. W. Rockett, G. W. Hollowell.
Signification of the Term Christian as used in the Bible—
E. L. Wesson, E. W. Barton.

SUNDAY.

The Sunday School, its Origin and Importance—
S. R. Whitten, H. L. Johnson.
Preaching.

DECEMBER, 1893.

PLACE—POPES—FRIDAY.

11 A. M. Introductory Sermon—B. F. Whitten. Subject: Church Discipline.
Method of Revival Work, (Essay)—E. L. Wesson.
Night Sermon: Pastoral Work and Pastoral Support—
H. W. Rockett.

SATURDAY.

Church Government, (Essay)--P. H. Lowrey.
Parental Duty, (Essay)—D. C. Perkins.
Night Sermon--W. I. Hargis.

SUNDAY.

Preaching.

APRIL, 1894.

PLACE—BURGESS.—FRIDAY.

10 A. M. Presevation of the Saints, (Sermon)—H. L. Johnson.
How Far May Baptist Scripturally Affiliate with Other Denominations, (Essay)—G. W. Gardner.
The Lord's Supper," (Sermon)—H. W. Rockett.
Obligations of Baptist to Furnish their Homes with, and to Discuss Baptist Literature Among the People, (Essay)—W. I. Hargis.

SATURDAY.

The Scriptural Plan for Developing the Young Members of Our Churches, (Essay)--B. F. Whitten, H. R. Whitten.
Baptist History, (Sermon)--E. L. Wesson.
Obligations of Every Church Member to Work in the Sunday School, (Essay)—J. W. Higgingbotham.
Plan of Salvation, (Sermon)—R. G. Hewlett.

SUNDAY.

Sunday School Topics and Preaching.

DIRECTORY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

T. A. Tubbs,
H. L. Johnson,
E. S. Moore,
Joseph Ware,
J. A. Wells,
Henry Wilson,
E. L. Wesson,
P. H. Lowrey,
J. P. Groves,
A. H. Leigh,
E. W. Barton,
B. T. Kimbrough,
W. R. Gore,
E. F. Tatum.
N. A. McLeod,
R. G. Hewlett,
J. D. Woodruff,
Pleas Burkhalter,
J. R. Jones,
C. C. Kirby.

LOCAL COMMITTEE.

W. I. Hargis, President.
S. R. Whitten, Treasurer.
J. W. Higgingbotham, Sec'y.
J. L. Sisk.
G. W. Gardner.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Education: E. L. Wesson, W. L. Brown.
Foreign Missions: R. G. Hewlett, J. W. Higgingbotham.
State Missions: G. W. Gardner, S. A. Woodruff.
Home Missions: B. F. Whitten, S. R. Lamb.
Sunday Schools: G. W. Hollowell, H. R. Whitten.
Publications: P. H. Lowrey, D. C. Perkins.
Total Abstinence: J. L. Sisk, B. T. Kimbrough.
Woman's Work: W. I. Hargis, S. R. Whitten.
Prayer Meeting and Family Worship: W. W. Dickens, H. L. Johnson.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

G. W. Gardner, Oxford,
L. W. Metts, "
Thos. Winter, "
R. G. Hewlett, Burgess.
B. F. Whitten, "
H. L. Johnson, Water Valley.
G. W. Hollowell, Tula.
H. W. Rockett, Harrison.
E. D. Rowe, "
W. I. Hargis, University.
J. A. Lee, Courtland.
S. C. Wilkins, Water Valley.
E. L. Wesson, " "

LICENTIATES.

T. J. Mabry, Harrison.
S. A. Woodruff, Batesville.

TO PREACH INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

E. L. Wesson, H. W. Rockett, Alternate, Thursday before 2nd Sunday Sept., 1894. at Clear Creek Church, Lafayette County, Miss., D. V.

MINUTES.

The Oxford Baptist Association met in its Twenty-Fourth Annual Session in the Baptist Church at Courtland, Miss., on Thursday, September 7, A. D., 1893.

The moderator being absent, Bro. W. I. Hargis, clerk of last session, called the body to order at 10 o'clock A. M.

Bro. B. T. Kimbrough was chosen moderator pro tem.

The congregation sung: "I love thy kingdom, Lord."

Bro. A. J. Aven, of Mississippi College, continued devotional exercises by reading the xii chapter of the Acts, after which, "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord," was sung, Prayer by Bro. Aven.

Bro. H. W. Rockett, moderator, arrived and took the chair.

The annual letters were read by Bros. S. R. Whitten and D. C. Perkins as follows:

Antioch—Delegates: M. M. Randolph, T. A. Tubbs and G. A. Johnson.

Batesville—Delegates: W. W. Dickens, E. G. Leigh, D. C. Perkins, P. H. Lowrey, S. Van Voris. A. T. Bobo and R. J. Shufford.

Bethany—Delegates: H. W. Rockett and J. N. McLeod.

Big Springs—Delegates: W. T. Berry, W. J. Edgar and H. L. Johnson.

Clear Creek—Delegates: R. G. Hewlett, J. R. G. Hewlett and R. Y. Waller.

Concord—Delegates: E. S. Moore, J. W. Higgingbotham and F. M. Jones.

Courtland—Delegates: J. A. Lee, W. J. Faulkner, W. B. Jeffries.

Goodhope—Delegates: J. W. Lamb, E. M. Thornton, J. A. Woodruff, D. E. Hallman and J. D. Woodruff.

Liberty Hill—Delegates: J. G. Hill, J. T. White and S. F. White.

Mount Gilead—Delegate: P. C. Hunter.

Mount Pisgah—Delegate: Pleas Burkhalter.

New Liberty—Delegates: A. J. McKee. S. C. Wilkins and J. A. Walls.

Oxford—Delegates: G. W. Gardner, W. I. Hargis, W. L. Brown, B. T. Kimbrough and J. F. Jackson.

Pilgrims Rest—Delegates: J. R. Jones, J. W. Thorn and L. D. Jones.

Pope—Delegates: Henry Wilson, H. C. Cox and J. B. Campbell.

Union—Delegate: C. C. Kirby.

Water Valley—Delegates: C. Crosby, A. G. Wood and E. L. Wesson.

Yocana—Delegates: J. L. Sisk, E. F. Tatum and J. R. Taylor.

At 11 o'clock A. M. Bro. G. W. Gardner preached the introductory sermon from the text: "Ye did run well; who did hinder you, that you should not obey the truth?" Gal. v. 7.

Prayer by Bro. R. G. Hewlett.

Benediction by the moderator.

Afternoon Session, 2 O'Clock P. M.

Resumed by singing: "Stand up for Jesus."

Prayer by Bro. H. L. Johnson.

Proceeded to permanent organization by electing Bro. H. W. Rockett, moderator; E. G. Leigh, treasurer; and D. C. Perkins, clerk.

A petitionary letter for membership from the Baptist Church at Burgess, Lafayett county, was presented and read.

The church is received, represented by the following messengers, J. P. Groves, R. L. Tomlinson, B. F. Whitten and S. R. Whitten.

Petitionary letter for membership from Shady Grove Baptist Church, Yallowbusha county, is presented and read. The church is received with Bros. J. C. Forshee, W. R. Gore and W. R. Tatum, delegates.

The moderator presented to the delegates of these churches in behalf of the Association the hand of fellowship.

Upon motion by Bro. G. W. Gardner, visiting brethren are invited to seats.

Messengers were received as follows:

Bro. H. F. Sproles of Convention Board.

Bro. L. F. Rainwater, Coldwater Association.

Bro. J. W. Powell, Chickasaw Association.

Bro. J. W. Gillon, Aberdeen Association.

Bro. A. J. Aven, of Mississippi College.

Bro. W. J. Hurt, of Baptist Layman, Winona, Miss.

Upon motion, the order of business of last session be amended by inserting after each order "miscellaneous" and that same be the "order of business" for this session. Carried.

Reports of corresponding messengers to corresponding bodies. Bro. W. I. Hargis states that he attended the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., but had no report to make.

By motion, the pastor and deacons of Courtland Church, with Bros. C. Crosby and S. R. Whitten are appointed a committee on devotional exercises.

Bro. B. F. Kimbrough is elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention to meet at Dallas, Texas, May 11, 1894. Bro. B. F. Whitten alternate.

Delegates to corresponding bodies are appointed as follows:

Yallowbusha Association: Bro. W. I. Hargis.

Coldwater Association: Bros. J. F. Jackson, B. F. Whitten, W. W. Dickins and D. C. Perkins.

Chickasaw Association: Bro. G. W. Gardner, W. I. Hargis, W. L. Brown, S. H. Plant and W. U. Hampton.

Calhoun Association: Bro. S. C. Wilkins.

To Baptist State Convention, meeting at Winona, Miss., July, 1894, Bros. G. W. Gardner, R. G. Hewlett, H. L. Johnson, W. I. Hargis, W. W. Dickins, P. H. Lowrey, H. W. Rockett and D. C. Perkins.

Hours of this body shall be: Morning 9 o'clock; adjourn 12 o'clock M.; afternoon, 2 o'clock; adjourn 4:30 o'clock P. M.; evening, 7:30 o'clock P. M.; adjourn at pleasure.

Announced: Bro. H. F. Sproles will preach to night and present Jackson Church and Mission Rooms after preaching.

Bro. S. R. Whitten was granted Saturday, 9 o'clock, to report on Sunday Schools.

Upon motion, 9 o'clock, Friday is set for reports on Foreign, State and Home Missions.

Upon motion, 11 o'clock Friday, is set for report on Education, when Bro. A. J. Aven shall have the privilege of the floor to present Mississippi College.

Bro. P. H. Lowrey read report on

Total Abstinence.

"We are not prepared to discuss scientifically the effects of intoxicants upon the human system. We can, however, safely state as a scientific fact, that the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is injurious to man physically, mentally and morally, and this, whether drank to excess or not. Add to this the danger that every moderate drinker takes of becoming a drunkard, and the drunkard's final doom, and it takes no argument to conclude that all Christians ought to totally abstain from the use. There is still another and, perhaps, a greater reason for total abstinence on the part of Christians. The professed Christian, who drinks moderately and never gets drunk, and maintains his standing with the respectability of his community, does more to drag young men into drunkenness than the confirmed drunkard.

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit the great apostle Paul said: "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." If the Holy Spirit, whose guidance we should also seek, thus inspired Paul to be willing to give up one of the necessaries of life for the sake of his influence on others. how much more ought we to *abstain* from the use of drinks, which are positively injurious and unnecessary, for the good of those who might be led astray by our example. In conclusion, we ask and urge this Association to consider this question. Should not a church deal with a member who drinks moderately as it does with the member who drinks to drunkenness?

Respectfully submitted, P. H. Lowrey,
H. L. Johnson.

Bro. B. T. Kimbrough offered the following amendment to the report on total abstinence:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association, that the habitual use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is a ground for church discipline, that is, for instruction and training, and if the sin be persisted in for exclusion.

After general discussion, the report with amendment was adopted.

Bro. B. T Hurt, of Winona, spoke in the interest of the Baptist Layman.

The Moderator appointed on Finance Committee Bros. J. W. Lamb, C. Crosby and W. W. Dickins.

After singing, "Am I a soldier of the Cross," and prayer by Bro. G. W. Gardner, the benediction was prouounced by Bro. J. A. Lee.

Evening Session.

Bro. H. F. Sproles preached on subject: "Indwelling of the Holy Spirit. John xvi, 13. Our people were greatly edified. Bro. Sproles said: "I have no war to make on those claiming sanctification, but I do wish I were a GOOD man."

Bro. Sproles presented the Jackson Church cause and Mission Rooms, taking up pledges payable from one to five years, as follows:

Bro. P. H. Lowrey, Batesville,	$50 00
Burgess Church,	50 00
W. I. Hargess,	25 00
S. R. Whitten and wife	25 00
Ladies Aid Society, Batesville	12 50
Batesville Church	25 00
Mrs. J. A. Lee, Courtland	5 00
Big Springs Church	25 00
J. F. Jackson, Oxford	5 00
H. W. Rockett, Harrison	1 00
R. L. Tomlinson, Burgess	12 50
	$236 00

Prayer by Bro. W. I. Hargis and the benediction.

Second Day.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8TH, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Opened by singing, "Nearer my God to thee." Prayer by Bro. W. I. Hargis. Minutes of first day read and corrected. Bro. J. S. Hutchinson, pastor at Sardis, and Bro. A. V. Gates of Coldwater Association, bidden welcome to seats.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Bro. J. A. Lee.

Report on State Missions read by Bro. W. I. Hargis.

Report on Home Missions read by Bro. E. L. Wesson.

These reports were feelingly discussed by ministers and laymen and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee beg leave to make the following report: We believe in a "thus sayeth the Lord," for all we teach and practice. We teach Foreign Missions and to a limited extent we practice it, and feel that we have a thus sayeth the Lord in the following words, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Matt. 28:19.

We believe this to be the commission of our Master, given

through His Son and our Savior; and he who would disobey is a disobedient child; yea, he who has not the spirit of Missions has not the spirit of Christ and is none of his. We recognize and have felt the financial pressure, but the arm of the Lord has not been shortened, nor has he turned a deaf ear to the cries of His people. This fact is shown from the following facts and figures: China, whose mission work has been operated by direction of the Foreign Mission Board since 1845, has 38 missionaries, 25 native helpers, 11 churches, 938 members, baptized 75, has 11 schools and has collected $1,715. Africa 11 missionaries, 7 native helpers, 4 churches, 144 members, 20 baptized, 3 schools, and has collected $215. Italy 3 missionaries, 27 native helpers, 17 churches, 347 members, 72 baptized, contributions $560. Brazil 17 missionaries, 8 native helpers, 12 churches, 553 members, 96 baptized, collections $1,844. Mexico 25 missionaries, 10 native helpers, 30 churches, 1014 members, 94 baptized, 2 schools, with $1,526 contributed. Japan 4 missionaries, 2 native helpers, 1 church, 27 members, 26 baptized.

Total number of	missionaries,	98
" "	native helpers,	79
" "	churches,	75
" "	members,	2923

Baptisms 383, schools 16, with $5,360 contributions. These facts should encourage us to do greater things for the foreign mission cause in the future than we have done in the past, and we recommend that the churches of the Oxford Association do more for this cause during this Associational year than ever before.

J. A. Lee,
R. M. Leavell.

State Missions.

The last year has, in some respects, been the most trying year upon our State Mission work for many years. This year was begun by the board with a debt of $1,321.76. On April 1st, the debt amounted to $2,047.14. And this, in the face of the increasing financial depression, and the additional fact that the State Board had lost one of its most liberal contributors and wisest members in the person of Bro. Jno. Powell, while other members of the board and some of our most active pastors went to other States. However, this debt was liquidated by the Convention at Summit. In the language of the report of the secretary of the board: "Add to these the general disturbance in our ranks over the college removal question, and we have a number of influences, all combining to demoralize the great work committed to our hands. It has been a year of unrest. May we never have another such. God has graciously dealt with us in the midst of it all."

The report further says: "There are many important fields

that we ought to occupy; there are others asking our help, and to whom we have promised help, hoping to begin at an early day. To do this we need more money in our treasury. We do earnestly plead for the means for enlargement, that we may possess in the name of our Lord the many places that are needing our care."

There were 73 stations occupied by missionaries of the board during last Convention year; 1,493 sermons were preached by its missionaries; 487 were baptized by the missionaries and others upon their fields; received by letter 108; restored 6, making a total increase of membership through their labors of 601. And this is only a part of the work done upon the mission fields. The financial outlay to sustain this work was $5,595. About $11.50 for each person baptized, and no account taken of the many who were converted and did not join Baptist churches. When distributed among the Baptist of the State we find that it is only 6¾ cents per capita. We are only playing at State Missions. When shall we get down to solid work?

W. I. Hargis, Chairman.

Report on Home Missions.

By Home Missions is meant all the missions under the management of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board does work in the various Southern States, the Indian Territory and Cuba. The work of this board has been greatly blessed, until its work is next in influence to the work of the Foreign Board. Last year there were employed by the board 360 missionaries, Under the management of the Home Board there were 155 churches organized, 92 houses of worship built, 1,740 Bibles and Testaments distributed. There was received by the board last year for its work $106,909.58. It is well that we distinguish between Home Mission work and State Mission work. Home Missions are the missions under the management of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. State Missions are the missions under the control of the State Convention Board, in co-operation with the Executive Boards of the Associations composing the State Convention The Home Mission work is of great importance as it is now managed, and we should give it our hearty support.

E. L. Wesson.

Bro. S. R. Whitten proposed the following. which was carried:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the Old Testament authorized the "Tything System" as the proper way of supporting the gospel, and that there is nothing in the New Testament that destroys the spirit of such a system, therefore we recommend all our people to adopt, as near as possible, this scripture, paying one-tenth of their income into our treasury.

Standing, the congregation sang: "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

The Report on Education was read by Bro. W. I. Hargis, Bro. A. J. Aven spoke to the report, and on Mississippi College. Report as adopted:

Education.

Each individual owes it to himself, to his neighbor and his God, to develop to the extent of his power the endowments which his creator has bestowed upon him. He who fails to do this, violates the obligations growing out of his relations to God. God, who is our creator, preserver and benefactor, deserves our best service. In the busy turmoil of the city, as well as in the eager searchings of the cloister; in the quiet seclusion of the home, as well as the deep probing of the University, man can equip himself for service. Grander opportunities for acquiring an education were never before so abundant, nor so extensive as now. There is a great demand for thorough trained men. We want a broad, deep, liberal culture to meet the demands of our times. We want a system of education that teaches bearing as well as doing, that makes a character that can stand the strongest test and remain unharmed. We believe that this bearing, and this character can be obtained only by long and arduous labor. A few facts may be learned, and some knowledge acquired by an easy and short cut method. We want an education whose foundation is well laid in order that we may build a superstructure that will stand. Sometimes we are too eager to rush to the conflict. Too many get there and find their weapons not well tempered and hence they fall. We have a number of high schools that are doing a good work. They should be preparatory to our colleges. For a complete education where the heart as well as the head is cultivated, where the principles that form the structure of manhood are taught; where young men are inspired with a lofty, noble and Godly ambition, for this we heartily recommend our own College. We earnestly request that all who are going to send their sons to College that they send them to Mississippi College. We owe it to ourselves, to our denomination and to our God to do this. C. L. ANDERSON.

Upon motion by Bro. W. I. Hargis, it was carried that the Moderator appoint a committee of five, to-wit: Brethren W. I. Hargis, J. W. Higgingbotham, E. L. Wesson, G. W. Gardner and H. L. Johnson, to prepare and furnish the Clerk of this Association for publication in the minutes without reading, a programme for the 5th Sunday meetings of next Associational year. Appendix A.

After singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," the Association adjourned for dinner.

2 O'Clock, P. M.

Resumed by singing, "Work for the Night is Coming." Bro. Moderator read of the "Healing of the Nobleman's servant," Matt. viii :5–12. Prayer by Bro. W. L. Brown.

Upon motion, Bros. S. R. Whitten and A. T. Bobo were appointed a committee to report "On General Information about the Churches."

Report of Executive Board of Oxford Association, 1892-3.

The Board has had Rev. W. I. Hargis employed for fourth of his time in the northern part of this Association, at a salary of $125. Rev. J. A. Lee west of Courtland, Miss., fourth of his time, at a salary of $125. Supplemented salary of Rev. W. P. Winter, at Union Church, $25.00. Rev. H. L. Johnson, at New Liberty Church, $25.00, provided that Church raise $30.00.

Work done by W. S. Hargis: Miles traveled, 440; days labor, 30; sermons preached, 37; Sabbath school addresses, 2; S. S. organized, 2; prayer meetings held, 2; Times conducted family worship, 13; Hymn books sold, 12; Religious visits, 63; Religious papers distributed, 104; Pages tracts distributed, 232; Protracted meetings held; Conversions, 1.

Report of work done by J. A. Lee—Sermons, 13; Families visited, 21; Times conducted family prayers, 6; miles traveled, 139; conversions, 3; baptized 1; awaiting baptism, 1.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD.

To amount received to pay on "Def." on Missions	18 00
" " Jackson Church	109 92
" " Home Missions	66 60
" " State Missions	49 50
" " Centennial Fund	69 00
" " at the Association	76 30
" " Reported, but did not come in his hands	70 75
Total	$497 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid Bro. J. A. Lee, Missionary	72 70	
" " " W. I. Hargis, "	78 70	
" Forwarded brethren J. T. Christian, H. F. Sproles and A. V. Rowe	296 45	
" Disbursed by others and reported to Treasurer	49 35—	$497 20

Present Liabilities past due by Board:

Bro. W. I. Hargis, balance	$ 46 30
" J. A. Lee	10 80
" W. P. Winter	25 00
" H. L. Johnson	25 00
Total	$107 10

H. L. JOHNSON, Chmn.
J. D. WOODRUFF, Clerk.
E. L. WESSON, Treas.

A collection was taken up in pledges payable by Nov. 1st, 1893, as follows, to liquidate the deficit:

Bro. E. L. Wesson for Water Valley Church		$20 00
P H. Lowrey, Batesville	"	21 00
J. A. Lee for Courtland	"	10 00
R. G. Hewlett for Clear Creek	"	10 00
S. R. Whitten for Burgess	"	10 00
J. L. Sisk for Yacona	"	5 00
B. T. Kimbrough for Oxford	"	25 00
A. J. Wells for New Liberty	"	2 00
J. D. Hill for Self		1 00
W. H. Rockett for Self		2 00
J. D. Woodruff for Good Hope	"	5 00

Bro. A. J. Mitchell of Coldwater Association, was invited to a "welcome with us."

Bro. W. I. Hargis read, by request,

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

This is an age of printing, and "of making many books." The pen is undoubtedly the most potential means of moulding belief and forming character known to us. Its influence of good and evil. Christianity is using the good to-day, as it has never done before, for the cause of Christ, and for the evangelizing of the nations. People will read, and since we cannot prevent it if we would, we should urge on them to read that which is helpful, and conduces to usefulness.

Therefore, we recommend the Baptist Record, the organ of our State Convention, and the representation of our State work. We cannot afford to be ignorant of what baptists are doing in the State. We need the paper and it needs our support. It will pay us to take it and read it. We recommend the Home Field, the organ of the Home Mission Board. It is published in the interest of our home work. We recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, the organ of the Foreign Mission Board. We learn through this what the denomination is doing in christianizing heathen nations.

We need to read the Journal, that the mission spirit may be more thoroughly developed among us. For our Sunday Schools we recommend the publications of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. For general religious literature, we recommend the American Baptist Publication Society, which has been a great help to our denomination in all parts of the country. There are many other publications which we could heartily recommend, but these seem necessary to a healthy denominational life, and an intelligent work among our people. Now, above all, we recommend the study of the Bible, which is the "power of God," the "sword of the Spirit," in which is imbedded our faith, and in which lies our hope of success. We cannot afford to be ignorant of its teachings.

H. W. ROCKETT,
S. R. LAMB.

Adopted.

Bro. J. W. Lee of Grenada—Yallowbusha Association—was invited to hearty welcome.

Bro. W. W. Dickens read

Report of Finance Committee.

To amount received for Minutes		34 55
" " Home Missions		67 60
" " Clerk		1 00
Total		$103 15
Paid to Treasurer	$103 15	

Adopted without remarks.

Bro. G. W. Gardner read

Report on Prayer Meeting and Family Prayer.

Your Committee on Prayer Meetings and Family Worship have no means for knowing how many of the churches in our Association have prayer meetings, nor how many families have worship in their homes. The prayer meeting is of the greatest importance and every church should have a weekly prayer meeting. We know that it is not so convenient in country churches, where the membership is scattered over a large territory, to hold weekly meetings at church. We would suggest as a practical solution of this difficulty that the brethren have neighborhood prayer meeting, in different localities, on Sunday afternoons. Another way to meet the difficulty might be to have the prayer meeting at the church either before or after the Sunday school. We believe that the head of every family connected with our churches, should read God's Word daily in his family and have prayers. It would be well to have singing in connection with these exercises. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. GARDNER, Chm'n.

Report was fervently discussed and unanimously adopted.

Committee on Devotion announced that Bro. J. W. Lee would preach to-night. Benediction by Bro. Rockett.

Night Session—7:30, P. M.

Bro. J. W. Lee read as Scripture Lesson, of the King's Sons Marriage Feast; preaching from Matt. xxii:12: "And he said unto him, *friend* how camest thou in hither *not* having a *wedding* garment; and he was speechless." Oh! that "wedding garment," that "*Royal Robe,*" and it's "*a Gift!*" "The very best that is in us, is but as filthy rags." Bro. E. L. Wesson prayed so earnestly, and the congregation, though small on account of the continued rain, sang with warmth, "Who will be next."

Benediction.

Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Resumed by singing "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord." Bro. Rockett read Matt. viii:23. Prayer by Bro. C. Crosby. Minutes of second day read and corrected.

Bro. E. G. Leigh, Treasurer, read his

Treasurer's Report.

1892-3. TO OXFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, DR.

To am't rec'd for Minutes	$ 34 55
" " on Home Missions	67 60
" " for Clerk	1 00
Total	$103 15

Cr. DISBURSED.

By am't handed to Clerk on minutes	34 55	
" " "	1 00	
" " E. L. Wesson on Home Missions	67 60	—$103 15

Adopted.

At 9:30 o'clock, A. M., Bro. S. R. Whitten read report on Sunday Schools. The same was warmly discussed by the Association and adopted.

Report.

In compiling a report on this subject, I beg to state, that of the twenty-one churches represented here by letter, six make no mention of having a Sunday school; six give no statistics of their schools; nine report a maximum of officers and teachers; five hundred and eight students; $137.25 expended for literature. There is reported in our State three hundred and twenty-seven

schools, eleven hundred and ninety-six officers and teachers, eleven thousand, four hundred and thirty-one scholars; with $2,221.44 cost of literature. Taking these statistics as a basis, we see that our children, even in Baptist families, are not spending their Sabbaths in Sunday schools. It seems our people can not move together. I suppose we shall never have concert of action till the trump of God sounds. We now have greater facilities for pushing this work than ever before. Our "Leading Lights" are offering greater opportunities each year. The Southern Baptist Convention has created a Board and located it at Nashville, Tenn. specially to foster this great movement. That Board is now furnishing our people with abundant literature of the most reliable character. We recommend that our people use our own literature. Realizing the importance of this work, the Convention Board has elected Bro. B. N. Hatch, and employed him at a salary of $1,000 to travel in its interest. Brother Hatch will organize new schools, encourage old ones, and, in every way, assist in promoting this interest.

The S. B. C. Board pays $300.00 of this and our own Board pays $700.00. Bro. Hatch also gets ten per cent. of all orders for Publications that go to this Board through his hands. Then we help ourselves by helping this Board.

Brethren, this work should be pushed, because it is a good way to reach the masses, and enlist them for Christ.

S. R. WHITTEN.

Upon motion of Bro. S. R. Whitten, the Local Board is fixed at Burgess.

The Moderator then appointed members of the Executive Board for 1892–3 as follows:

Brethren J. L. Sisk, J. W. Higgingbotham, S. R. Whitten, G. W. Gardner and W. I. Hargis.

As Local Board and on the Board, brethren:

Antioch, T. A. Tubbs; Batesville, P. H. Lowrey; Bethany, N. A. McLeod; Big Springs, H. L. Johnson; Burgess, J. P. Groves; Clear Creek, R. G. Hewlett; Concord, E. S. Moore; Courtland, A. H. Leigh; Good Hope, J. D. Woodruff; Liberty Hill, Joseph Ware; Mt. Gilead, E. W. Barton; Mt. Pisgah, P. Burkhalter; New Liberty, J. A. Wells; Oxford, B. T. Kimbrough; Pilgrim's Rest, J. R. Jones; Pope, Henry Wilson; Shady Grove, W. R. Gore; Union, C. C. Kirby; Water Valley, E. L. Wesson, Jocana, E. F. Tatum.

Upon motion by Bro. Gardner the report of the Committee on General Information from the Churches, was adopted without reading or debate.

General Information about the Churches.

Batesville: Now without a Pastor. Have had no meeting of days. Increase of membership 12. Have a fine Sunday School and Prayer meeting. Finances in good shape. All pledges liquidated. Wants the Association.

Big Springs: Had a fine meeting of days. Increase of membership 11. Good Sunday School and Prayer meeting. Have done well financially.

Bethany: Decrease in membership 7. Finances in good shape. Have a Sunday School and Prayer meeting, but a good many members do not attend. The Pastor held a meeting of days.

Clear Creek: Decrease in membership 19. Have a good Prayer meeting and Sunday School. Commends a young man who needs help that he may prepare himself for the ministry. Will hold a meeting of days soon. Have done well for Ministerial Education. Wants the Association.

Concord: Had a glorious meeting. Baptized 13. Increase in membership. Church seems to be in good working order.

Courtland: No increase. Good working Sunday School. No meeting of days. Finances fairly good.

Good Hope: A good meeting of days. Increase in membership 1. Still a fine Sunday School with its monthly mission collection. Needs a new house. Contributions falling off.

Liberty Hill: A good meeting of days. Church greatly revived. Net increase 8. No Sunday School or Prayer meeting. No financial statistics given.

Mt. Gilead: Net increase 5. Have had a good meeting of days. A small Sunday School. No finances reported.

Mt. Pisgah: Net increase 19. Have had a good meeting of days. A flourishing Sunday School. The Church seems to be harmonious. Finances increased over last year.

New Liberty: Church greatly revived by recent meeting. Net increase 12. No finances reported. Have had a Sunday School and Prayer meeting.

Oxford: Have been revived by Maj. Penn's meeting. Net increase 9. A fine Sunday School with good attendance. Finances in good condition. Enthusiastic Prayer meeting.

Pilgrim's Rest: Net increase 22. A fine meeting. Church in good spiritual condition. A live Sunday School. Finances fairly good.

Popes: Decrease 2. Had a meeting of days. An evergreen Sunday School. No Prayer meeting reported. Small increase in contributions.

Water Valley: Increase in membership 27. Have a good Sunday School and Prayer meeting. Have done well in Pastor's salary and home expenses.

Yocana: Net decrease 4. Will hold meeting of days soon. A good Sunday School and Prayer meeting. A slight increase in contributions.

Antioch: Decrease 2. No Sunday School or Prayer meeting reported. Nothing said about finances.

Union Church: Increase in membership 2. A good meeting reported and the Church much revived. Report no Sunday School or Prayer meeting. Have kept the finances up.

Shady Grove: A new Church. 24 members. Well located. Hope to do good.

Burgess: New Church. 29 members. Well located. Good Sunday School. Ask the prayers and sympathy of the Association.

A. T. Bobo.
S. R. Whitten.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Bro. B. F. Whitten and adopted, with the unanimous request that he furnish copies at once to be published by request of this Association, in the Baptist Record and Texas Herald.

WOMAN'S WORK.

This is, indeed, a broad subject, and if well outlined and closely discussed, would make a large volume; for surely their labors are diversified and numerous. Presumedly the intent of this paper is to discuss her work in our Master's Vineyard. The subject seems to suggest woman's work as a separate, work, and should your Committee undertake thus to discuss the same it would find itself without Scriptural authority. For, in the economy of God, we find that she is only a co-laborer. We find no Scriptural authority for separate and independent organized efforts in woman's work, i. e. women's churches and men's churches since we have but the one organized body.

Your committee can heartily endorse and truly rejoice in the enthusiasm and zeal of our noble Christian women in the prosecution of their Christian work, and can but express a reluctance in deciding her work in any way separate from man's.

The Church of Christ is sufficiently large and the work enough diversified for every called laborer of whatever strength or talent

to have plenty to do every day and hour that we are permitted to labor therein. We would not have you decide that your Committee would view Woman's Work as sub-ordinate to, but co ordinate with man's work. God forbid that we should ever depreciate the help, that in the wisdom of God is wonderfully adapted and graciously given to mortal man in his arduous work. In health and prosperity, a genial and loving companion; in sickness, a ministering angel; in trouble, a solid comfort; in days of darkness, life's sunshine; in death an impress of a lively hope and triumphant faith in our blessed Lord.

Why consider woman's work separate from man's when God said "Let man leave father and mother and cleave into his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh"? One in desire, one in effort, one in joy, one in sorrow, and, in most states, though not in ours, one in business.

Why, then, have the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Woman's Central Committees, Woman's Missionary and Aid Societies and Children's Sunbeam Societies?

"Well" say some, "you would have us fold our arms, would you, and let the men superintend and do all the work?" No, we would have co-operation and do all the work in the bounds of the church.

"But" say others, "we would not get the credit of the work." Possibly I can not answer your argument on that point, but I can say that, by this method, you would have a most excellent opportunity to heed the Scriptual injunction "Let not your right hand know what your left hand doeth." I say, with pleasure, that the systematized efforts of our Southern women have done great things for our Zion, in both home and foreign fields And even the work of our own women in our own state does great credit to their energy and zeal in our Master's work.

Listen. The Womans Missionary and Sunbeam Societies reported $8138.20 to the Central Committee as the result of their efforts from July 1, 1892 to the same date 1893. Now we must not be understood as discouraging the efforts of our women, but kindly submitting that the same work can be done through the Churches. Why not have these mighty forces work within the churches and all reports made through them, and let us honor God by working in and through his own appointed church to accomplish his gracious designs.

Just one other thought. If you take the women and children off the list of Church contributors, then we may expect to fall off greatly in the reports of work done, and our work as churches will not be commensurate with what our ability appears to be; and therefore we would be poor lights before the world and poor

witnesses rather than living witnesses or cities upon a hill, that can not be hid.

Now, for fear that my conclusion be misunderstood, let me say that I am in sympathy with all efforts that are made under the jurisdiction of the Church, and where all reports of work done are duly credited to the church.

Let us have a common fund, i. e. men and women of the same church working in and through that church for the glory of God and the salvation of men.

Very kindly submitted,

B. F. WHITTEN, Com.

Bro. S. R. Whitten offered this resolution which was carried.

That we may more fully get the statistics of our Churches we ask our Clerk to prepare and furnish to the Clerks of the Churches a model church letter, that same may be used in annual correspondence with this Association.

Upon motion by Bro. E. L. Wesson, it was

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Oxford Association are due and tendered to the good people of Courtland and community, and the members of the Courtland Baptist Church, for the kindness and courtesy which characterized their treatment of us during our stay here.

Bro. Moderator announced the Standing Committees. See Directory.

Upon motion by Bro. J. A. Woodruff it's carried, That all the brethren, when they go home, collect and send from each church, at least one dollar for our Clerk.

Upon motion, Bro. E. L. Wesson was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next session, and Bro. H. W. Rockett was chosen Alternate.

Resolved, That the Association hold its 1893–4 session with the Baptist Church at Clear Creek, 10 miles west of Oxford, Lafayet county, Miss., at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday before the 2d Sunday in Sept., 1894.

Roll called and corrected. Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

After singing, "Nearer my Gcd to thee," and a hearty hand shaking, the Association adjourned, with prayer by Bro. J. A. Lee.

Statistics, 1892-3.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	OFFICES.	CLERKS.	OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.	Addition				Diminution			
						Baptized	Letter	Experience	Restored	Letter	Excluded	Died	Present Membership
Antioch	H. W. Rockett	Harrison	M. M. Randolph	Courtland	2d Sunday					1		1	29
Batesville		Batesville	S. Van Voris	Batesville	2d and 4th Sunday	3	9			1			65
Bethany	J. A. Lee	Courtland	D. W. Patterson	Harrison	2d Sunday				1	8			71
*Butler's Chapel		Oxford		Oxford									14
Big Springs	G W Hallowell	Tula	D. G. Thomas	Haten		15	8			5	2	1	56
† Burgess	B. F. Whitten	Burgess	R. L. Tomlinson	Burgess	1st Sunday								29
† Clear Creek	R. G. Hewlett	"	M. P. Russell	"	2nd "	10				27		2	111
Courtland	J. A. Lee	Courtland	A. H. Leigh	Courtland		3	2		1	4	1	1	47
† Concord	R. G. Hewlett	Burgess	J W Higgingbotham	Taylors	3d Sunday	13	1		2	5			100
Good Hope	H. W. Rockett	Harrison	J. D. Woodruff	Batesville	4th Saturday & Sunday	4	1		2	6	1		105
Liberty Hill	H. L. Johnson	Water valley	J. T. White	Eureka Springs	3d Sunday	6	3		2	3			53
Mt. Gilead	J. C. Brandon	" "	A. F. Alexander	Water Valley	3d Saturday & Sunday	3	3		1				41
Mt. Pisgah	J. D. Rice	Charleston	W. T. Wilshire	Harrison		16	5		1	1	1	1	83
New Liberty	H. L. Johnson	Water Valley	J. P. Johnsey	Water Valley		11	3			2			34
Oxford	G. W. Gardner	Oxford	W. U. Hampton	Oxford	Every Sunday	12	7		1	10	1		127
Pilgrim's Rest	G W Hallowell	Tula	C. A. Morgan	Reynolds	2d Saturday & Sunday	24	1		1	4	2		120
Pope	J. A. Lee	Courtland	W. H. A. Bemis	Pope		3	2			5	2		55
† Shady Grove	H. L. Johnson	Water Valley	W. R. Tatum	Water Valley		13							22
Union	W. T. Winter	" "	D. W. Bullard	" "			5			1	2		47
Water Valley	E. L. Wesson	" "	W. B. Page	" "	Every Sunday	19	12			2	2		173
* Yellow Leaf													107
Yocana	W. R. Farrow	Lafayett Springs	J. L. Sisk	Taylors	4th Sunday						2	2	53
						140	62		12	85	16	8	1541

* New Churches.

† No Letter and Not Represented.

Financial Statistics from Letters 1892-3.

CHURCHES.	For Minutes	Missions	Ministerial Education	Miscellaneous	Jackson Church	S. S. Literature	Pastor's Salary	Value of Church Property
Antioch	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	‡	200 00
Batesville	2 00	123 00	.....	.....	.....	28 70	400 00	1000 00
Bethany	2 00	17 10	.....	25 00	.....	.....	125 00	1500 00
*Butler's Chapel		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Springs	1 80	30 00	.....	8 50	9 00	.....	80 00	750 00
† Burgess	2 00	11 10	.....	34 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....
Clear Creek	2 00	40 00	190 00	7 77	.....	.....	150 00	2000 00
Courtland	2 00	40 50	.....	29 47	.....	22 32	150 00	5577 00
Concord	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	500 00
Good Hope	2 00	8 00	.....	10 50	.....	.....	97 65	200 00
Liberty Hill	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	300 00
Mt. Gilead	1 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00	400 00
Mt. Pisgah	50	10 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	‡	.....
New Liberty	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....
Oxford	2 50	181 92	.....	180 00	.....	22 98	1000 00	11400 00
Pilgrim's Rest	1 50	17 25	.....	2 75	.....	.....	125 00	150 00
Pope	2 00	10 75	.....	25 20	.....	10 30	100 00	1000 00
† Shady Grove	1 25	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	‡	.....
Union		10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	.....
Water Valley	4 00	195 00	.....	285 25	27 00	22 50	649 00	3500 00
* Yellow Leaf		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1500 00
Yocana	1 50	8 00	2 00	27 00	.....	8 00	100 00	800 00
	$34 55	707 62	192 00	635 44	36 00	129 70	3325 65	30777 00

* No Letters.

† New Churches.

‡ No Salary mentioned.

APPENDIX B.

Statistics of the Baptist Church of Christ,

At.....Miss.,.....the....A. D., 189..

Bro.....is our pastor. Bro.....ch clk.

P. O..... P. O.....Miss.

Preaching.....Prayer Meeting.....

Had meeting of days.

INCREASE.	MEMBERSHIP.	DECREASE.
Baptized.....	By Letter.....	
Restored.....	Excluded.....	
Statement.....	Died.....	
Letter.....		
Total.....	Total.....	

Males..... Females.....Total.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Officers and Teachers..... Scholars enrolled.....

Average attendance..... Baptized from school.....

We use the Literature of the..... series.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

Foregn Missions..... Education.....

Home Missions..... Church Building.....

State Missions..... Sunday School Literature.....

For Minutes..... Church Expenses.....

For Clerk..... Pastor's Salary.....

We have..... Pastor's Home..... Value of Property.....

NOTE.—It is the wish and special request of the Association, that Church Clerks use above form in reporting statistics to this body, and attach to their usual letter of "Greetings." This is desired very much, in order to have the Baptist Year Book correct.

Respectfully submitted, CLERK.

"Jots."

"I do not want to make a speech, but I want us to get at the tap root."—HARGIS.

"Christians who habitually drink will not tell it."—KIMBROUGH.

"Besetting sins!—All sin is besetting! and by sitting, and sit close by too."—SPROLES.

"Some people mix politics with religion; I think it is right to mix religion, and a good deal of it too with politics"—LOWREY.

"If five drinks makes a man drunk, one drink will make him one-fifth drunk."—AVEN.

"I would as soon have 'Blindtiger' made drunkards as Doctor made drunkards."—HEWLETT.

"We need missionaries to go down into their pockets."—WESSON.

"I believe in men as missionaries who try to answer their own prayers."—KIMBROUGH.

"Every christian family ought to read religious papers and have family altar."—LEE.

"I do not like to be stereotyped in anything. Away with formality."—S. R. WHITTEN.

"I know if "The Record" would revise its death roll, it would reduce expenses."—LEE.

"Every Baptist family ought to take "The Record."—JOHNSON.

"Brethren, give me *the money, and* I'll go down and straighten it all up."—HIGGINGBOTHAM.

"What we want is more spiritually."—S. R. WHITTEN.

"The best Sunday School I ever saw. Only two men present, the superintendent and ——."—B. F. WHITTEN.

"Preachers are the poorest business men in the world for some things."—S. R. WHITTEN.

"I never apologize when brethren say, I ought to preach; but do the best I can, for I know I have their prayers."—GARDNER

"I move that when we all go home, that we send from each church one dollar for our Clerk.—J. A, WOODRUFF.

"I am willing to do it, if it can be done to-day."—BOBO.

"This Association is improving."—J. F. JACKSON.

"Can't we get Bro. Sproles?"—SHUFFORD.

"You ought all to have heard him."—DICKENS.

"The best we *can do* is as filthy rags."—J. W. LEE.

"Bro. Moderator—I am a novice."—KIMBROUGH.

"There's a motion to adjourn."—HEWLETT.

"We'll sing nearer my God, before we close."—H. W. ROCKETT, Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called the Oxford Baptist Association, which shall meet annually. The object of this union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the churches composing this body, and to unite their efforts in the great work of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects, the dissemination of the Gospel by missionary operations, both at home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support. It shall be the aims of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath-schools, also the interest of general education,and more especially the education of the ministry. All Christian and charitable enterprises shall receive their encouragement, among which the support of superannuated and wornout ministers will receive especial attention.

ART. 2. Each church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number of members reaches twenty-five, and one delegate for every twenty-five ; provided in no case shall any church have more than eight delegates.

ART. 3. The delegates present representing churches shall, during the session, present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment,together with the number of members in fellowship ; the number baptized ; received by letter ; restored ; dismissed by letter ; excluded and died during the year.

ART. 4. Any church of this Association failing to represent herself at one meeting will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting ; and any church thus failing at two successive meetings, the Association may consider her dropped from her number, or may appoint a committee to inquire into the cause of such failure.

ART. 5. Other churches approving our Articles of Faith, and desiring to act and live in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying their approval and desire by delegates and letters.

ART. 6. This Association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the names of the delegates enrolled. A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

ART. 7. Membership in this Association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

ART. 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of churches; but it may, when requested by a church in its letter or correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice to such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ART. 9. This association may correspond by letter and messenger with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 10. This Association shall, at its annual meetings, appoint an Executive Board, composed of as many members as there shall be churches represented, with five additional members living in the same vicinity, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum. Each church shall have the privilege of nominating its own member of the Board. Said Board shall elect its own officers and shall have power to transact the business of the Association when the Association is not in session, and for this purpose shall meet as often as its chairman shall deem necessary. An annual report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the Association.

ART. 11. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

ART. 3. Any member not satisfied at his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body, provided he call some brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of tie.

ART. 5 Every motion made in order and seconded, after sufficient time for discussion, shall be, by the Moderator, put to the vote of the Association, a majority of whom shall govern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

ART. 6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; and the Moderator when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

ART. 7. Every member in addressing the body must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or use words of personal reflection.

ART. 8. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in our addresses.

ART. 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

ART. 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during the hours of business without leave from the Moderator.

ART. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and submit the same for the correction of the Association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file of all proceedings of the body.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys presented for Associational purposes and pay them over by the order of the body.

ART. 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rule of the Association, a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

ART. 14. The roll of delegates shall be called at the close of each session, and absentees without permission shall be designated upon the minutes as such, without leave from the Moderator.

MINUTES

OF THE

OXFORD - BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—OF—

MISSISSIPPI.

A. D. 1894.

OFFICERS:

H. W. ROCKETT, Moderator, ... Harrison Station, Miss
A. T. BOBO, Clerk, ... Batesville, Miss
E. G. LEIGH, Treasurer, ... Batesville, Miss

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION:

Thursday before the First Sunday in September, A. D., 1895, with the Oxford Baptist Church, at Oxford, Lafayette county, Miss

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